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Interview with Dr. Austin Brues by Marks and Miazga at 1:00 pm, 4/15/74.

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Dr. ~~Austin~~ Brues is Medical Director of the (CHR). He is the principal physician associated with the CHR. He was associated with the Metallurgical Laboratory in Chicago during the period of 1945-1947.

Dr. Brues gave us some background information about the early period of the Metallurgical Laboratory. He said that the Health Division was directed by Dr. Robert Stone and that his deputy was Dr. Leon Jacobson. There were 3 sections under Dr. Stone -- the Biology Section, managed by Dr. Brues, the Clinical Medicine Section, managed by Leon Jacobson with Edna Marks, his hematologic technician, and a Hazards Section under Dr. J.J. Nickson. Dr. Brues said that Dr. J. Garrott Allen was a clinician who may have had some knowledge of events in the clinical area in the period under consideration. Dr. Sam Schwartz was another physician who served under Dr. Jacobson. Dr. Brues thought that Dr. Schwartz is probably now at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He was doing biochemical work in the Metallurgical Lab. at the time of the injections and was especially interested in porphyrin metabolism. Two people reported to Dr. Nickson in the Medical Industrial Hazards Section -- Dr. Edwin R. Russell, who did the chemical determinations, and Dr. David Rose, who was a health physicist. In December 1947, Herman Lisco, a pathologist, was appointed Head of the Medical Division for a temporary period. He took over the records from Drs. Nickson and Jacobson at that time. Herman Lisco is now in the Department of Anatomy at Harvard University and is a Dean of Students.

Dr. Brues indicated that the people who would have known something about all the simultaneous operations were Dr. Stafford A. Warren, who was Chief of the Medical Division of the Manhattan Project, Dr. Hymer Friedell, who was Dr. Warren's deputy and Dr. Joseph W. Howland who was a subordinate officer to Dr. Friedell. Dr. Howland traveled extensively and conducted relations with the contractors. He did most of the leg work for the Division. Most of Dr. Brues' contacts with the military were with Dr. Howland. Dr. Brues felt that any one of these three people would be likely to have known what was going on in the various installations that were conducting the studies.

With respect to his knowledge of the early studies, Dr. Brues said that he did not know of either the injections or studies at the time that they were conducted. Shortly after they were completed, he heard something about the Chicago studies and then possibly about the California studies. In the course of time he picked up further bits of information but never had detailed knowledge of the matter. He did not know of the existence of survivors until he joined the staff of the CHR.

Relative to recent activities, Dr. Brues was hired by the Radiological and Environmental Research Division on July 1, 1971. Dr. Brues implied that he was requested by Dr. Rowland to correspond with a physician in Texas to make arrangements to have the Texas patient (CAL-3) brought into Rochester. The patient lives in the town of Italy, Texas. An earlier physician of Italy, Texas, who attended the patient, had moved away, but the CHR discovered the name of another physician in Milford, Texas, a neighboring community, who now attends the patient and was in a position to contact the patient. The letter sent to that physician indicated the interest of the group in studying

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the patient in view of his recovery from an osteogenic sarcoma. There was no explicit statement about radioactivity in that communication with the Milford physician, but the letter was written on CHR stationery. There was an ambiguity in the following. Dr. Brues implied that he did considerable soul-searching in the preparation of the letter to the Milford physician or, possibly, the follow-up letter to the physician after the patient's examination. The follow-up letter represents the customary communication of the results of a CHR examination to an attending physician. Dr. Brues indicated that he had nothing to do with the Rochester patients nor was he involved in any way in the exhumations.

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